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1. On 6 June 1950 about 2,000 Soviet officers, enlisted men and technicians paraded on the Nine September Street in Varna.
2. Approximately 1,400 MGB personnel arrived in Bulgaria and are extended to the Yugoslav border as far as Petrich, other "hunter" units are expected.
3. The Soviets control railroad movements north and northwest of Simeonovgrad.
4. Since 1 June the Army Commission is making a census of horses, mules and horse-drawn vehicles.
5. Since 1 June officers of the Navy, Air Force and armored units were called for training. On 1 March medical officers and nurses were called.
6. All reserve officers and enlisted men were notified to be ready in case of mobilization.
7. The Commanding Officer of 8 Bulgarian Division, Major General Shterio Atanasov, returned from a USSR training course. On 28 May he and his staff visited Malko Gradiste.
8. On 23 June military train with troops, four tanks, ten large covered guns left Varna toward Sofia. [REDACTED] believes they are headed for the Yugoslav border. Cannon and ammunition are moved at night from Kazanlik toward the Greek border.
9. Security platoons along the border from Makas to Svilengrad are reinforced by 15 men each and two heavy Soviet machine guns.
10. Lovech airfield, has 70-80 fighters and bombers. The Kazanlik airfield already has a few planes, more are expected.
11. On 10 June some Soviet officers in two automobiles were seen at Haskovo.

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12. Private houses were registered in Lyubimets and Svilengrad for army use.
13. All Communist Party members, particularly villagers are organized along military lines with emphasis on rifle practice. It is rumored that helmets will be issued and the Communist Party will become an army. Allegedly arms and uniforms are kept at home in case of an emergency.

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